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County and City receives “Celebration Plaque” from MS Land Trust

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The Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain presented a bronze plaque to the George County Board of Supervisors and the City of Lucedale on behalf of the National Parks Service's Great American Outdoors program on March 30.

The commemorative plate “celebrates the partnerships and collaboration that resulted in a new era of public access” for the new Pascagoula River Water Trail.

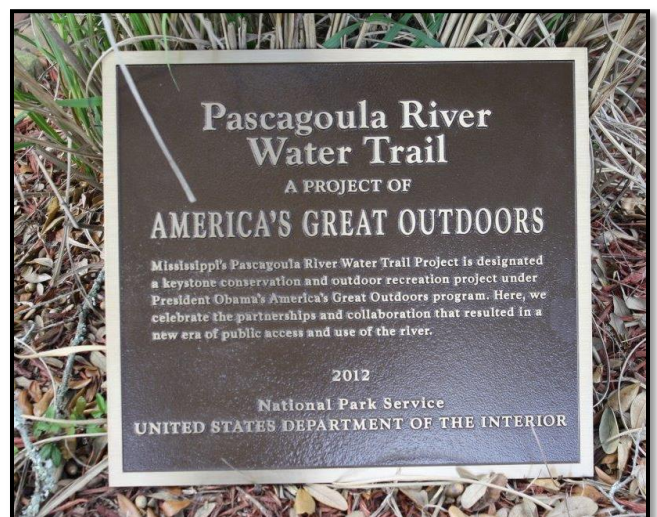
The plaque will hang in Downtown Lucedale’s Visitors Center along information on how to use access the water trail.

Pictured (L to R) are: Judy Steckler, Land Trust Director; Linda Fallon, George County; Ken Flanagan, George County; Mayor Doug Lee, Lucedale; Supervisor Fred Croom, George County; Dayton Whites, Land Trust; Kathy Johnson, Lucedale; and Becky Stowe, Nature Conservatory.



The Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain also held a “Blueway Ribbon Cutting Ceremony” to celebrate the Pascagoula River being recognized by the US Department of the Interior as one of only 100 outstanding “America’s Great Outdoors” initiatives in the fall 2014.

“‘Water Trails’ or sometimes referred to as ‘Blueways’ are networks of points along the water that people can access using human-powered boats, but they are more than that,” says Liz Smith-Incer of the National Park Service’s Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program, “if you bring people to the edge of the river, you’ll create a new generation of stewards for the rich environmental and cultural importance of the Pascagoula River.”



As part of the larger Pascagoula River Water Trail, this 22-mile-long segment will provide opportunities for people to enjoy the scenic beauty of the Pascagoula River watershed through a system of trails connected via launch points from Merrill to Josephine Sandbar.